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THE LOS ANGELES MEETING OF THE N. E. A., AND THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

THE Los Angeles meeting was in all respects one of the most successful and enjoyable gatherings in the long history of N. E. A. successes. The feature of the meeting, so far as higher education is concerned, was the presentation of the report of the Committee on College Entrance Requirements. Much space is given in this issue of the *SCHOOL REVIEW* to a discussion of this report, in the belief that it deserves the widest possible attention. The following account of the proceedings at Los Angeles is interesting and significant:

The joint session of the Departments of Secondary and Higher Education of the National Educational Association at Los Angeles on Thursday, July 13, was a very interesting one. The attendance was large, and the spirit of unanimity which prevailed was most encouraging, and presaged an historic change in the attitude of the secondary schools and the colleges toward each other. *The Report of the Committee on College Entrance Requirements*, a pamphlet of 180 pages, was distributed so far as the limited number of copies would permit. The chairman, the only member of the Committee of Fourteen present, could but feel gratified at the reception of the report which had had the thought and labor of the committee for four years.

If there was a lack of anything approaching the startling or the sensational in the discussions, it was because there were no strongly dissenting opinions. It mattered not whether the speaker was a representative of a college or a secondary school, he approved of the principles enunciated, the suggestions made, the courses of study presented, the nomenclature proposed, and the position in general taken by the committee. Among those who discussed the report were Dr. Joseph Swain, President of the University of Indiana; Dr. William Black, President of Missouri Valley College; Dr. James H. Baker, President of the University of Colorado; Dr. David Starr Jordan, President of Leland Stanford Jr. University; Mr. E. W. Coy, Principal of the Hughes High School, Cincinnati; and Mr. H. L. Boltwood, Principal of Evanston (Ill.) Township High School.

Dr. David Starr Jordan struck the keynote when he said: "I have read this report very carefully, and I cannot find a single paragraph with which I can disagree. This is the first report of an educational committee which I have ever seen which has put me into such a melancholy predicament." Such an eminent opinion from such an eminent source was gratifying in the

extreme, and compensated for much of the time and labor expended by the committee in its earnest efforts to prepare a report which would aid in accomplishing the important end of harmonizing the differences between the colleges and the secondary schools, differences which have hitherto prevented either from fulfilling its real mission.

There was a very earnest demand for copies of the report, and it is hoped there will be such numbers printed and such a wide-spread distribution of them that all who are interested may have the opportunity of studying the report in all its details.

For the present the report may be obtained by addressing Secretary Irwin Shepard, Winona, Minn., and inclosing twenty-five cents.